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FOOD ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

PAKISTAN

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SITUATION

- In recent years, Pakistan has become a food surplus country and a major producer of wheat and rice. However, the poorest and most vulnerable members of the population cannot afford a sufficient and nutritious diet despite the overall growth in food production.
- Approximately 60 percent of the Pakistani population is facing food insecurity, and malnutrition is highly prevalent, according to the UN World Food Program (WFP). WFP reports that 44 percent of Pakistani children younger than 5 years of age are stunted, suffering from chronic malnutrition, and 15 percent suffer from acute malnutrition.
- Ongoing conflict between the Government of Pakistan (GoP) and militant groups, recurrent natural disasters—including drought, earthquakes and floods—and economic instability exacerbate food insecurity and disrupt livelihood opportunities, particularly in rural areas. Additionally, consecutive dry seasons negatively affect households in Sindh Province, where cyclical drought results in crop and livestock losses.
- As of late May, more than 29,400 Pakistani families remained displaced in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPk) Province—including the tribal areas formerly known as Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)—due to conflict, the UN reports. Additionally, relief actors estimate that 1.4 million registered Afghan refugees are living in Pakistan.



RESPONSE

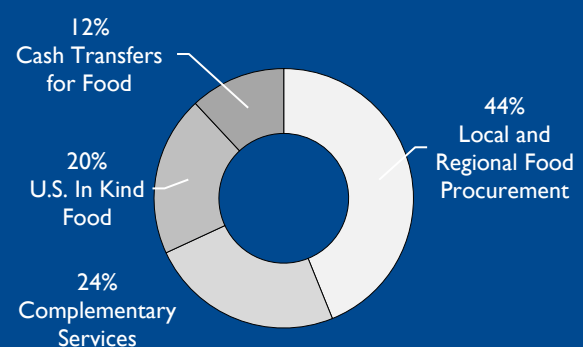
- To meet the basic food and nutrition needs of vulnerable people and those affected by natural disasters and other shocks, USAID's Office of Food for Peace (FFP) contributed \$10 million to WFP in FY 2018. FFP provides in-kind food assistance sourced from local and regional markets. FFP also enables WFP to distribute conditional assistance through asset-building activities, which deliver food and cash assistance to vulnerable communities in exchange for both labor on projects that improve community recovery and resilience—such as agricultural infrastructure—and participation in livelihoods trainings. Additionally, FFP supports community-based management of acute malnutrition activities.
- FFP's contribution includes the twinning of wheat to meet the emergency needs of vulnerable, displaced populations in KPk and tribal areas formerly known as FATA. This partnership pairs GoP-donated wheat with complementary funding from FFP for associated costs, such as fortification, bagging, transportation, handling and distribution.
- Additionally, FFP through partner the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) supports preventive and curative community nutrition services, including the provision of therapeutic foods, for children less than five years of age and pregnant and lactating women suffering from acute malnutrition in KPk, including FATA, and Baluchistan.

FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Contributions per Fiscal Year

	<i>U.S. Dollars</i>	<i>Metric Tons*</i>
FY 2018	\$12.5 million	46,125 MT
FY 2017	\$38.0 million	66,904 MT
FY 2016	\$44.3 million	48,870 MT

FY 2018 by Types of Aid



*Metric tonnage does not reflect funding for vouchers or cash transfers.